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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES  
REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2004 (for which petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time) and in response to the requirement for election of species, Applicant, through the undersigned attorney, affirms the election of Species 1 with claims 1-16 and 19-23 readable thereon.

Please amend the claims in the above-identified application as follows:

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